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1. Soviet policy with regard to marriages of Soviet nationals to German or Austrian women has not changed despite the directive issued in the autumn of 1953 rescinding the 1947 directive which had prohibited such marriages. Although there is now no official restriction against such marriages, the Soviets continue to view them with disfavor.
2. Authorization must be obtained for all marriages of Soviets, whether civilians or servicemen, and German and Austrian women, and every Soviet realizes that in applying for authorization he is compromising himself for the rest of his life. For servicemen, marriage with a citizen of an occupied country means an immediate return to the USSR, an assignment to some unfavorable area, and probably a demotion.
3. Under the current directive, the wife is supposed to be permitted to enter the USSR with her husband and in all probability will in fact be allowed to do so.

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